



<p style="text-align: center;">REGULAR MEETING MINUTES</p>

**Regular Meeting Minutes
April 20, 2017**

The Directors of the Colorado County Groundwater Conservation District met on April 20, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at 910 Milam Street, Columbus, TX. A quorum to conduct business was declared present.

Directors Present: Tom Kelley, Andy Labay, Russell Trefny, Sam Parks, Larry Solansky, Travis Wegenhoft
Directors Absent: Mary Stavinoha
Staff Present: Jim Brasher, Kim Kansteiner
Guests: None

Director Kelley called the Regular Meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Director Kelley led the Pledge and Invocation.

There were no public comments or presentations.

Director Parks moved to approve the February 23, 2017 meeting minutes. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating Permit application for Rafael Ortega. Director Wegenhoft moved to approve a permit for 0.00 ac-ft of groundwater over a three year period. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

GM Brasher presented a Class B Operating Amendment application for Pine Cove. Director Parks moved to approve the permit amendment for 150.0 ac-ft of groundwater. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

GM Brasher informed the Board of two well registrations received from Pallas Energy for rig supply/fracking use. The registrant requested a statement in writing explaining the need for a permit. The District's attorney, Monique Norman, provided Pallas Energy with a letter confirming District rules and requirements.

GM Brasher gave an update on the 85th Texas Legislature events and key legislation possibly affecting groundwater districts and directors. On March 22nd, Representative Schubert filed a bill to change the District's enabling act (HA 4291). On April 19th, Director Kelley was in attendance to testify on behalf of the bill. The committee vote should take place the week of April 24th.

2016 Water usage data was provided by GM Brasher. He will compose a letter/chart for each rice farmer reflecting their water rate usage compared to other farmers. He also made suggestions to the reporting process for next year in order to obtain more accurate and complete information. Reporting was much improved from previous years.

GM Brasher reported that there was no new information on the Clean Harbors (Altair Disposal) hazardous waste permit application to TCEQ. An update is expected in May.

GM Brasher reported on violations. Well owner, Raphael Ortega, was fined for lack of permit. There has been communication between TDLR and the District regarding the lack of compliance from Maral Drilling, Brown's Water Well Drilling, and Hazlett Drilling.

GM Brasher reported on wells still requiring a meter. One has already been received and delivered and a few more orders are in processing at McCrometer.

Key monitor well water levels within the District were provided by GM Brasher.

The next GMA 15 meeting is scheduled in Victoria on May 11th. The status of DFC and steps for approval will be discussed at this meeting. GM Brasher plans to attend.

The next Region K meeting is scheduled in Austin on April 26th.

GM Brasher provided LCRA Highland Lake levels as of April 19th.

GM Brasher gave an update on the three TWDB weather stations being installed in Colorado County.

GM Brasher gave his Investment Officer's Report which summarized the activity and status of all financial accounts held by the District. He will attend PFIA training at the TAGD meeting in San Marcos on May 31st.

OM Kansteiner gave an update on the fiscal year-end audit being completed by Seidel Schroeder of Brenham. A presentation of the final audit will be presented at the next board meeting.

OM Kansteiner provided the Disbursement Report and the Budget to Actual Expenditures Report. Director Labay moved to approve both reports. The motion was seconded. The motion carried.

Director Wegenhoft inquired about the format of meeting minutes. There were no other items or comments from directors.

The Regular Meeting was adjourned at 8:37 p.m.

Minutes Submitted By: Kim Kansteiner, Office Manager

Meeting minutes approved:

Sam Parks, Secretary

Date